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### DETAILED ACTION

The reply filed on 10/29/2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant has amended the claims to a completely different invention. The invention is now a method treating hypotension using diagnosis of hypotensin in a patient versus a method of counteracting the overproduction of nitric oxide.

Since applicant has already received an action on the merits of the previously claimed invention, this amendment is considered to be non-responsive.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael V. Meller whose telephone number is 571-272-0967. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday: 9:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell can be reached on 571-272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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